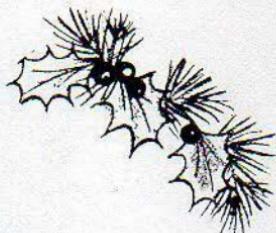


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GOODWILL TO ALL MEN



QCWA NEWS

CHRISTMAS, 1977

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QCWA 30th ANNIVERSARY

Some of you will receive this Newsletter before Christmas, and certainly most will have it right after the first of the year. The Holidays are the time we all come a bit closer to realizing Brotherly Love...remembering other times, and just appreciating a hand-shake, the joy in a friend's eye, upon seeing you walking toward him...in short, all of the things of this life that have permanence, and that make it really worth while. In this vein, may we call attention to the fact that QCWA has passed it's 30th birthday...born on December 5, 1947 at a meeting of old friends, in New York. Those first years were a bit shaky...but the baby had loving care and survived to become one of the Prestigious Organizations in all of Amateur Radio. This issue of the Newsletter is dedicated to the memory of those Charter Members who gave of their time and money, and of their devotion to making QCWA the Organization of Fellowship in Amateur Radio.

As the years have passed, many of those original 54 Charter members are no longer with us. Those still among us who knew them all are indeed fortunate, and they will recall happy days. Let us all resolve here and now that in 1978 QCWA will indeed take special care to acknowledge the affection we have for each other...and that we will visit and talk to those who are not able to get around as well as at one time, but who are a part and parcel of ourselves and our past. Lets make it "Visit a Pal" year in QCWA.

In other parts of this Newsletter you will find notes and stories of those who have gone before. Pause and give thanks now and throughout the year.

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Some of you will note the difference in our mast-head this issue. We are getting a real Staff of workers for QCWA...In our next issue we will have an entirely different format, with a larger size, and some very special stories and matters for your interest. Watch for it.

THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

Just about two weeks ago (October 28, 1977) I was pleased to be able to send a message to all Chapters of QCWA on matters of interest to members everywhere. Since that time additional activities have been undertaken on behalf of QCWA and its Members.

I am pleased to announce that Director Henry Harley, VE3BR, has agreed to undertake the job of Liason between the Board and our Foreign members. For some time we have faced the difficult problem of providing adequate service to our members outside the continental United States. The problems range from excessive delays in mailing service, the expense of providing mail service to members, delays in providing membership announcements and so forth. Henry has been authorized to carry out discussions with all interested foreign members, and to attempt to assemble a proposal agreeable to all, for Board action. We appreciate his willingness to tackle this difficult problem and are confident that solutions can and will be found.

We have been actively working to get the QCWA Foundation Fund activity organized. It is expected that one of the Directors will be working to get this activity underway in the very near future.

I have received word that the IRS matter dealing with our non-profit status is about complete, and we are still hoping that it can be complete by the end of the year.

It has been announced that the next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held in Chicago, Illinois on February 4, 1978. The meeting will be an open meeting, with the Board operating in the open, in dealing with QCWA matters. It is expected that a good number of members will attend the meetings.

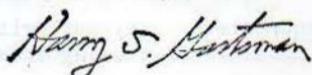
I have been able to convince Hal Sears, W5NC, Vice President of QCWA, to take a strong part in the operation of the Organization. Hal will operate at my side, helping to carry out plans for the betterment of the Organization as a whole. We are in close touch and plans are discussed at regular intervals.

We have been seeing a vast amount of work carried out by the Committee on Restructuring of the Constitution and By-laws of QCWA. Ethel Smith, K4LMB, Leo Meyerson, WØGFQ and Art Miligan, W8KW have performed a tremendous job in studying and making recommendations for possible changes to the government of QCWA. My Legal advisory Board will make its study and recommendations, followed by a check by Amos Peters, the Legal Advisor for QCWA, at which time the Committee will be able to make its final plan and recommendations to the Board at its February meeting.

QCWA is becoming a real team effort...we are making progress, and you can be sure that your voice can and will be heard.

A very special welcome to the newest Chapter of QCWA...The MIDDLE TENNESSEE CHAPTER. Charter Number 105 has been issued. It is a real pleasure to congratulate those who worked to make it possible!

Be sure to work in the 1978 QSO Party...it's fun, you'll enjoy it!



21st ANNUAL QCWA QSO PARTY

The years roll around, and it's QSO party-time in just a short while now. The gang's been talking it up, and we've a set of Rules for the action.

This, the 21st Annual Party, stands as a real opportunity for all of us to meet with pals who have moved across the country, or the world. It offers the challenge of fine operating, for those who love that cup of tea...and its on CW or phone, as you desire. First begun in the Northwest by Stan, w7AYO with the help of Doc, W7OS and Charles, W7ER, it has now become an internationally known and enjoyed party.

This year the Northern New Jersey Chapter has taken on the job that is necessary to make a success of the affair. The Board of Directors have requested that the rules stay in one general format, and so the Chapter has reverted to the basic formula wherein contacts with members and then the total number of different Chapters contacted will provide the method for computing scores. To help make it easy, we are publishing a new and complete list of all QCWA Chapters, showing their Official Chapter Number. You may use the numbers to identify your chapter, if you wish. The NNJ Chapter has included the State of your residence in the logged information...for the simple reason that many of you make earn the WAS QCWA Certificate.

THE 21ST ANNUAL QCWA QSO PARTY WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR ON THE

10th, 11th and 12th of

February, 1978

The Party will begin at 2400 GMT, Friday, February 10 and will end at 2400 GMT on Sunday, February 12, 1978...Please get in and make a bunch of contacts...you'll enjoy it, and so will your friends.

OFFICIAL RULESContacts

Every contact made with another QCWA Member will count as a single point. Repeat contacts on other frequencies will not count for additional points.

Multipliers

Every Member will use a multiplier of one (1) for each QCWA Chapter contacted. Branches of Chapters are not counted as separate Chapters. A chapter can be used only one time as a multiplier.

QCWA-ers not affiliated with a Chapter will count as a contact, but do not provide a multiplier. Whenever you can, suggest they join a Chapter, or form a Chapter in their area.

Use Official Chapter Numbers, listed in this issue of the Newsletter...to save time!.

QCWA Members affiliated with more than one Chapter may use any Chapter affiliation with which they hold a "Good-Standing Membership." However, only one Chapter affiliation can be used during the QSO Party.

Frequencies

Any authorized frequency is permissible, but to avoid causing interference to others, most work should be within

21st Annual QCWA QSO PARTY - Continued,

Frequencies about 10 kilohertz of the following frequencies:

CW	3550, 7050, 14050, 21050, 28050
SSB/AM	3900, 7240, 14270, 14340, 21390, 21435, 28600
RTTY	3595, 7095, 14095, 21070, 28070
FM	146.55 simplex

If you happen to meet an old pal, and want to rag-chew, wonderful, but move up or down 15 kHz or so, and above all, be courteous to all Amateurs!

Exchanges In the interest of brevity, if a contestor, and for the greatest ease in logging, contest QSO's might follow the format below:

K4NE de VE3BR HR NR 77 2135 VE3BR /73/ONT HW? K

VE3BR de K4NE QSL 77 HR NR 6 2136 K4NE /32/FL HW? K

In all cases, the exchange should provide the member's QSO number, time, call, Chapter or Chapter number and state of residence. Members not affiliated with any Chapter should use the letters "AL" between the slant bars, meaning Members at large.

Logs

To make the work of the judges easier, and to fit the format suggested, a sample log is included herein. It may be copied and used. (Remove the centerfold page)

It is the responsibility of each contestant to provide a legible log, and to list all claimed contacts and multipliers. He shall calculate his own claimed score. Log sheets will not be returned, so send copies if you want to retain the originals. A sample calculation of score is shown on page 22.

The Northern New Jersey Chapter, sponsor of the 21st Annual QSO Party have named a Committee who will judge the contest logs and who are responsible for the final scoring. It is a rule that their decision is final. The Committee consists of:

George Apfel, W2GHV, Chairman
 Larry Evans, W2BBK
 Gerry Powell, W2OJW
 Nat Schnoll, W2PN
 Paul Bechberger, K2GH

Logs should be completed and sent to:

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY CHAPTER OF QCWA
 P. O. Box 312
 PARK RIDGE, NJ 07656

QCWA will present a plaque to the high scorer in the Party Contest. It will be presented as soon after the Contest scores are judge, as possible.

Get in, have fun, and send your log!

Mac McRae, W9RC, Activities

QCWA SILENT KEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

At the QCWA Annual meeting in Seattle on July 30, 1977, the Board of Directors voted to establish a scholarship and subsequently sought the assistance of the Washington D. C. Foundation for Amateur Radio. The Foundation is a council of 49 clubs in the Maryland, D. C. and Northern Virginia Area, each of which is represented by two trustees. It is devoted exclusively to promoting the interest of amateur radio and to the scientific, literary and education pursuits that advance the purposes of the Amateur Radio Service. It currently administers four scholarships and agreed to administer an additional one for QCWA. The Foundation is incorporated in the District of Columbia and meets the requirements of Section 501 (c)3 of the IRS Code as a non-profit organization.

THE SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS

The FAR scholarship activity begins each year in December with the preparation of the Award Regulations and a press announcement for the clearance of the various sponsors. In mid-February the release is sent to the major amateur radio magazines for publication in late April or early May. These indicate a June 1st deadline for requesting applications which must be completed and returned on or before July 1st. In mid-July the Committee evaluates the applications and verifies the information submitted by the successful candidates. The Committee reports its recommendations to the Foundation at its August meeting. Upon acceptance of the report, the candidates are notified by telephone. Confirming letter and checks are sent to the winners with copies of the letters to the sponsors. Those who "also ran" are notified by mail and thanked for their participation. A certificate is prepared for award to each winner at an appropriate amateur radio function at a later date in the area where the recipient lives or attends school. A press release announcing the winners is provided to the major amateur radio publications.

THE QCWA SCHOLARSHIP

The Board of Directors decided to establish the scholarship in memory of its "Silent Keys." There are no restrictions as to the course of study nor are there any geographic restrictions. The applicant must have a good academic record, be accepted by an accredited institution, hold at least a General Class license and indicate his worthiness for such an Award. General membership interest is invited by requiring that the applicant be sponsored by a QCWA member. Look for the announcements in the May issues of the major amateur radio publications and encourage qualified candidates to apply. As indicated in the President's message in the September issue of QCWA News, future financing of this worthy effort is being worked out.

--Hugh Turnbull, W3ABC

 Don McClenon, N4IN writes that we owe him a Plaque, which we do, and it is being taken care of. I think Don is staking a claim for the 1978 QSO Party honors...but we hear that a few others have an eye on it too, so it may turn out to be a battle. Hope it is...Thnks for writing Don!

SILENT KEYS

W2EC	Ferdinand C. W. Thiede	W5AAK	William D. Penn
W2FZ	Frank Frimmerman	W5PHY	Clarence C. McCoy
W2GVT	Sol. Kupferman	W5LUX	Fred Ward
W2ILI	Stephen J. Neason	W5MB	Henry Gottschalk
W2KEG	Emil Ploenes	W5MBP	C. W. Roberson
W2RA	Robert Anders	W5MGK	Erwin A. Schad
W2RG	Karl B. Hoffman	W6VMC	Donald J. Guy
W3AIR	Frank C. South	W7DEG	James F. C. Robertson
W3NSX	Joseph H. Mozuch	W7LDR	William C. O'Connor
K3PT	Emory C. Creager	W8IBP	Robert J. Howey
W3YD	Thomas P. Brennan	W8LQ	Ash O. Medici
W3YF	Charles H. Hodges	W9IBC	Dayton L. Warner
W4CX	William T. Gerson	W9IWJ	Ralph W. Duke
K4DP	George W. Fahrubel	WØFWK	Kenneth M. Myers
K4EN	William C. Kohl	WØQA	M. H. Schradsky
K4HTE	Bruce Parson	KØQOQ	George S. Lovering
K4IVA	Moe Segal	VE3GG	J. Ross Barker
K4KKF	Henry Campbell		
K4KR	Clarence J. White		
K4RL	Eugene D. Van Duyne		

They, moving into
 Infinite Love
 Have left us for only
 a moment.
 Treasure their memory
 until when
 We'll see their outstretched hands

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A TIME FOR REMEMBERING

- 30 - A journalists short-hand for "end of story"...may have another meaning entirely different, particularly when considering QCWA. It is not the end, but only the beginning of our destiny in Amateur Radio, in the promotion of fellowship, goodwill, yes "Love" if you will, among radio-men across the world...and the - 30 -?

On November 14, 1947, almost 30 years to the day, six old-timers met on a 10-meter round-table. After an enjoyable evenings visit, W2UD suggested that the gang should get together more often, preferably in person and talk over old times. This suggestion met with unanimous approval with W2FD, W2DX, W2DI, W2EF and W2FX seconding W2UD'S plan. John DiBlasi, W2FX was delegated to get the gang together to formulate plans for the Organization.

In the Amateur fraternity, there are many who have worked long and hard on behalf of our hobby...to many it was love of the challenge, to others the interest was the opportunity to meet and fellowship with others of like interest and background. Whether their devotion was to experimentation, communication, engineering or social activities, it is their combined efforts that have formed the basis for Amateur Radio today. In 1947 many of those early Amateurs (pioneers if you will) were still among us, and it was the decision of our Founders that an Association of these "Old-Timers" should be formed, wherein they could meet, discuss and re-live the adventures of yesteryear.

The first meeting was held on Friday Evening, December 5, 1947 - 35 of the "Old-Timers" were present and it was there and then that QCWA was formed. At that meeting the following Officers were elected: John DiBlasi, W2FX, President; George Droste, W2IN, Vice President; Leon Hansen, W2FIT, Secretary; and Dave Talley, W2PF, Treasurer. The following Charter Members were present at that first meeting:

W1HRX, W2BW, W2KR, W2AMJ, W2AMB, W2EF, W2RB, W2EA, W2CO, W2LFR, W2CVF, W2FD, W2BJ, W2GX, W2DX, W2UD, W2FO, W2EC, W2II, W2FZ, W2YW, W2PL, W2MM, W2BT, W2KW, W2OG, W2BR, W2WZ, W2AFB, W2GG.

By the end of December, 1947, a total of 54 members were enrolled and Charter membership was closed. On December, 1949 members totalled 172. On December, 1950, membership was 240, with 3 silent keys...and so it went, until now, 30 years after the Founding Fathers first met with the idea of QCWA, we have more than 8000 living members of QCWA.

In 1962, President DiBlasi wrote as follows: "At the association's annual meetings, the world's greatest in amateur radio have addressed the members and their guests. The association has steadfastly maintained a non-political and non-controversial character, and takes general interest in all matters affecting or involving Amateur Radio, and is ready to sponsor such action as may be deemed proper in their interests. It is our purpose to foster and develop friendship and cooperation among Amateur radio operators of more than twenty-five years standing. The devotion of its officers and directors, and the hard work of its staff, account for the phenomenal success and have led to the fulfillment of the purposes for which it was founded."

Can we then, in a moment of serious contemplation, consider the work of those who founded QCWA...the love, care and guidance given so freely in behalf of those of us who came later, and give thanks. We are beneficiaries of those who have handed us a "fait accompli" Let us work to be

worthy of the trust given us, and to keep intact those values and traditions established for Amateurs yet to call their first CQ.

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THE FIRST EUROPEAN CHAPTER OF QCWA is nearly ready for its Charter. We received an application for Charter from Hans Schleifenbaum, DL1YA. It arrived just at deadline for the NEWSLETTER, and there was insufficient time to check membership status and so forth, before going to press. An announcement will come on the International QCWA Net as soon as we can.

MEMORIES: W7AHK provides a fine story and the picture, at right..."mention of the RC receiver, by Westinghouse, will bring nostalgia to many QCWA Members.. It was used as a monitor in the early days of broadcasting when a watch was required on the distress frequency. In the photo of the Harding-Cox election returns being broadcast from KDKA on November 2, 1920, the RC can be plainly observed. It was used by many amateur stations, even 8XK, Dr. Conrad's forerunner to KDKA. Contained in one cabinet, a UV200 was used in a regenerative detector circuit, followed by two UV201 tubes in a two-step audio amplifier. The tuning range was 180 to 700 meters. Regeneration was controlled by a tap switch which cut inductance in and out of a variometer. Users of the RC often became recipients of strong words from their listening neighbors as the regeneration control was moved. The circuit was a good CW radiator and the clickety-click as the switch was being operated marked their numbers in the area. Despite this trait, which was common to regenerative receivers if improperly tuned, the RC performed majestically during the early days.



Montgomery Ward's catalog for 1922 listed the price as \$175 complete with tubes, batteries, headset and antenna. The horn speaker is Magnavox R-3, a moving coil speaker invented by Peter Jensen and E. S. Pridham in the early 1900's. The principle is still used in modern speakers. The company became Magnavox (Great Voice) in 1917 and the speaker became a popular product of the old Oakland firm.

When Ted asked me to write something on old radios, the RC became my choice. My first memory of a vacuum tube receiver goes back to the fall of 1921 when I would listen to the voices, music and spark signals coming from my neighbor's receiver. Completely awed by such phenomena, I vowed to someday have my own station. The crash of my neighbor's spark gap drove me toward that goal and from my limited savings came a beautiful Kilbourne & Clark vario-coupler, tube socket, rheostat and other requisites. Then, after a year of accumulating, came a box in Christmas wrapping. My neighbor and Amateur friend had given me a WD11 tube and the little B-battery I needed!

This past October, my neighbor, from those olden times, joined the Silent Keys...this story is my tribute to 7GF who started a teen-age boy on a lifetime in Amateur Radio!

....Tex, W7AHK

"DLL'S CORNER 'W6DLL'"

Thank you for all of the kind letters and suggestions. I cannot possibly answer individually so please accept this blanket acknowledgement. Apparently nobody hates us enough to spend 13¢.

In this issue, we have the pleasure of running a review by a guest reviewer. Julian N. Jablin, W9IWI, of Skokie, Illinois, wrote the following on the S-S TV Handbook. I did the others.

THE COMPLETE HANDBOOK OF SLOW-SCAN TV. Dave Ingram, K4TWJ; TAB BOOKS, 1977, Blue Ridge Summit, PA; \$14.95 hardbound, \$9.95 paperback.

Slow-scan TV is one of those aspects of ham operations we all know exists, but (except for those comparative few using it) remains as unexplored territory. One of the problems is getting basic information. The Amateur magazine articles presume some prior knowledge and experience; the handbooks cannot devote much space to any one mode.

Most "Manuals" produced by non-ham publishers on any one specific area of amateur radio give little more than a superficial overview of the subject plus a review of commercial equipment available at the time of writing. Not so in this case. The author, Editor of 73 Magazine, takes a nuts-and-bolts approach to his topic. Leading off with a survey of amateur TV here and overseas, he goes right into discussion of the types of gear needed to transmit pictures, what it will do, and how to put it all together. He puts stress on home-brew equipment, leaning heavily on gear developed by hams who are using slow-scan TV. There is a chapter on commercial components, but even here Ingram notes the possibilities and advantages of mating such modules with home-constructed units.

The material in the book is state of the art, with solid-state construction, digital techniques and reception of satellite pictures well represented. It is a little risky to label any book on ham radio "complete" but this one told me all that I wanted to know about the subject.

--W9IWI

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ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL James Herriot, Bantam Books, Toronto, New York, London.

To those of you who, wisely or unwisely, followed my suggestion about Mr. Herriot's ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, I can make the same recommendation relative to its sequel. The same honesty, humility and writing skill make this a very acceptable follow-on (which, unfortunately, most sequels are not). If you don't get your \$2.25's worth out of this, I will be surprised. The only criticism--and it's minor--that I might make is that the plot of the incidents is beginning to be a little repetitious near the end of the second work.

THE BOOK THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN WRITTEN, Anon

It was a pleasant July 7th, in the patio. My best ham friend, W6GMO, was over. The XYL had splurged on a bottle of champagne and had baked a cake whereon, using tooth picks for masts, 14 gauge yarn for wire & blue glass beads for insulators, she had erected an off-center fed Hertz such as I had used on 20 and 80.

On the cake, in the same color as the plate of a 210 runing key-down at "Amateur DX" ratings, were emblazoned "50" and "HAM".

Under these circumstances, a fellow is entitled to reminisce. I remembered clearly the day fifty years earlier when as a barefoot boy of 14, standing in front of the general delivery window of a tiny resort post office, I had pulled the precious blue certificate out of an envelope. I had silently chastised my father for sending so valuable a thing through the u. s. Mail from the City (sorry, QTH was not the correct term in those days).

I thought too about the years that would follow; never knowing where this thing would lead me...through radar schools of World War II and one of their faculties...to a B. S. and an M. S. in electrical engineering and ultimately to a world of awesome electronic development and the adjunct faculty of a first-rate University.

But mainly I thought about the intervening years of hamming. Where else, I wondered, could a kid who got on the air with a used 245, a power supply from a junked radio set and an antenna of second-hand telephone wire, walk into the QTH of his first QSO, gaze at thousands of dollars worth of equipment and with no trace of envy or avarice say, "Gee, that's great!" Witness too that after over half a century in the game, I am still waiting to copy my first word of profanity.

These two attributes fall far short of illuminating the positive aspect of amateur radio, but by themselves alone, they place it greatly above many other avocations.

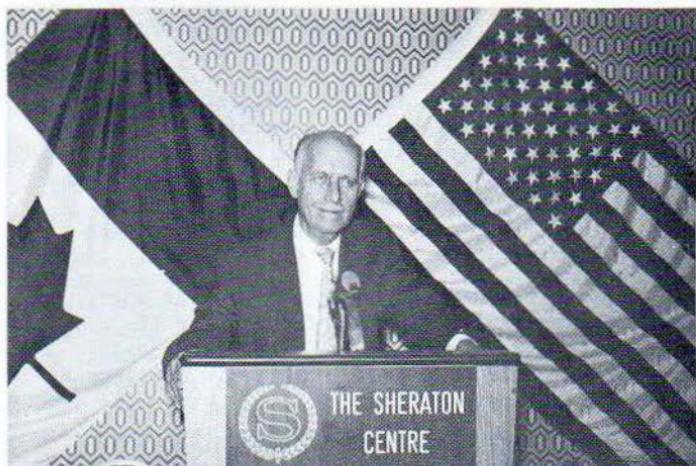
I have, on occasion, been ashamed to be associated with others because of our common sex. I have been likewise shamed by commonality of race. Never have I met or worked anyone of whom I would not say, "this is my brother...We are radio amateurs."

If I had to do it again, I would do it the same way!

--- Bud, W6DLL

FROM SOUTHERN ONTARIO, now that it's winter, it is nice to remember June and the best Convention ever held in Canada...the ARRL at Toronto. There was much praise of the Scarborough ARC for its work, carried out under the Chairmanship of Gordon Steane, VE3BMG. QCWA activities were highlighted with a good meal, followed by a talk, illustrated, by Ray Meyers, W6MLZ, of events while he was a member of the Wilkins expedition under the North Polar ice cap in the "Nautilus." The meeting was MC'd by Frank Hartley, VE3JT...Chapter President Bob Potter, VE3TO introduced the speaker, and George Schuthe, VE3DMC presented a Golden Certificate to VE3UD, Bud Punction. George is President of the National Capitol Chapter of QCWA. All in all, it was a notable meeting, many famous QCWA'ers and Amateurs were present, such as; Harry Dannals, W2HD, Victor Clarke, W4KFC; Noel Eaton, VE3CJ, General Manager of QST, W1RU; Ethel Smith, K4LMB, Nat Pfeffer, W2AIM, Frank Frimmerman, W2FZ, Stuart Meyer, W2GHK and Leo Meyerson, W0GFQ. Pictures are shown elsewhere in this issue of the news...to the boys in VE-land, congratulations for an excellent job...and don't you wish it was June again?

ERO ERICSON, W9HPJ, President of the Chicago Area Chapter has sent his publication "Rain Static" much enjoyed, together with a nice Thanksgiving Card. That Chicago Gang are live wires, and we're proud of them!



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Frank Hartley
VE3JT
Addressing
QCWA members
at the June,
1977 ARRL
Convention
at Toronto

L-R are:

Hans, DL6VP,
Erich, DL1LD,
Otto, DL8AJ
Martin, DL1QN



At Left, L to R are:

Ewald, DK6CS,
Hans, DL1YA,
Paul, DL1ES

It is not often that we have the pleasure of so many good pictures from members across the sea. It is a real pleasure to get them, so please, fellows, lets have more of them each time we have a newsletter.

THE FOUNDATION FOR AMATEUR RADIO

As reported elsewhere in this issue of QCWA News, the FAR is administering the QCWA "SILENT KEY" Memorial Scholarship for QCWA. At first blush, this might seem a small and unimportant matter...but, upon looking carefully into the many details dealing with awarding of scholarships, we found that QCWA is receiving a really handsome gift from those working in FAR...not only in time, effort and money, but in the research required to insure that all goes well.

Other Foundation activities include (a) the publication of the magazine AUTOCALL, (b) a widow's assistance program to help evaluate and dispose of equipment accumulated by Silent Keys, (c) a license expiration notice service which provides an advance reminder to apply for timely renewal, (d) stolen equipment registration and liaison with local law enforcement jurisdictions, (e) a hospitality service that provides information regarding local amateur meetings, (f) coordination and listing of the area's training efforts and (g) the Gaithersburg Hamfest (attendance in 1977 was 5000+) to finance its scholarship program and general administrative expenses.

I would like to urge that all QCWA members participate in the QCWA Scholarship program, and that we all support F.A.R. in so far as possible, and that individually and in groups express our thanks to the Foundation for its help, so freely given to QCWA.

- W5EJ

DAYTON-CINCINNATI CHAPTER OF QCWA elected new Officers for 1978. At their October 20 meeting, Tom Cornet, W8MC was elected Chairman, with John Schlueter, W8WYH named Vice-Chairman and Joe Hausmann, W8HU as secretary/treasurer.

This Chapter sponsors the QCWA Banquet at the famous Dayton Hamvention.

A Plaque was presented to Russ Gardner, W8TPC in recognition for his 10 years service as net control for the Sunday 3986 net

QCWA IS PREPARING A NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM. THEY WILL BE SENT TO ALL CHAPTERS SOON. PLEASE MAKE CERTAIN THAT NEW MEMBERS USE THE MOST RECENT FORM PUBLISHED...WE EVEN NOW RECEIVE SOME APPLICATIONS USING 1967 FORMS...THESE MUST BE RETURNED BECAUSE OF MEMBERSHIP FEES, ETC....

CHECK THE LABEL ON THE FRONT OF THE NEWSLETTER. YOUR MEMBERSHIP STATUS IS SHOWN BY THE LAST FIVE CHARACTER GROUP ON THE TOP LINE. MEMBERSHIP IS PAID THROUGH THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH AND YEAR SHOWN.

Robert Vanier, F3IJ, has written a good letter, much appreciated. Bob uses a young student as translator, so his letter comes to use in a fine and clearly written English script. Bob had written in regard to earning the QCWA "Worked 100" Certificate, & Mac McRae has already taken care of the matter. It was good to hear from Bob, and we're hoping that he will write often.

Issac Roach, K4QM sent in a great story dealing with his activities in Amateur Radio...all from the Indian River Paper. We expect to use bits of it in the March issue of the News.

OFFICIAL LIST OF CHAPTERS AND DATE OF AUTHORIZATION

QCWA News for December, 1976, Volume 25, No. 4, listed the QCWA Chapters authorized, and the date of authorization, of record. At that time we indicated that while we believed the list complete and accurate, we had made recent changes, and would continue until the list was deemed final. There have been no changes requested in the list since that time. Accordingly, we are reprinting the list, and adding those new Chapters that have been chartered since December, 1976.

The listing of Chapters following can be used for identification when we are in QSO Party exchanges, and so forth.

Official No.	Chapter Name	Date Chartered
1	Cleveland Chapter	Jan 6, 1951
2	Chicago Chapter	Jun 13, 1954
3	Boston/Providence Chapter	Nov 1, 1955
4	Northwest Chapter	Apr 16, 1956
5	Delaware Valley	Sep 12, 1956
6	Pittsburgh	Jan 8, 1957
7	Southern California	Jan 15, 1957
8	Upper Midwest	Sep 30, 1957
9	Dayton-Cincinnati	Oct 1, 1957
10	Michigan	Apr 13, 1959
11	Northern California	Aug 1, 1960
12	Southeast Florida	Feb 15, 1962
13	West Gulf*	Mar 22, 1962
14	San Diego	Jun 10, 1962
15	Oklahoma*	Oct 5, 1962
16	Arizona	Oct 11, 1962
17	Susquehanna*	Dec 12, 1962
18	Findley*	Feb 10, 1963
19	Missouri*	Mar 4, 1963
20	Baltimore	Apr 6, 1963
21	Canton	May 3, 1963
22	Toledo	Feb 8, 1964
23	Washington	Feb 9, 1964
24	New England	Apr 4, 1964
25	Nebraska	May 28, 1964
26	Indiana	Sep 27, 1965
27	Houston	Nov 11, 1965
28	Central New York	Jan 7, 1966
29	Finger Lakes	Mar 29, 1966
30	Central West Virginia	May 11, 1966
31	Reading	Jun 21, 1966
32	Gator	Nov 21, 1966
33	Anthracite	Feb 10, 1967
34	Joliet	Apr 17, 1967
35	Mid-Continent	Oct 3, 1967
36	Northwest Indiana	Nov 1, 1967
37	Harrisburg	Mar 1, 1968
38	San Antonio	Mar 4, 1968
39	Akron	Apr 3, 1968
40	Alabama	Sep 27, 1968

41	Dallas	Sep 27, 1968
42	Mohawk Valley	Nov 9, 1968
43	Tulsa	Mar 17, 1969
44	Nevada	Mar 22, 1969
45	Citrus	May 10, 1969
46	Metro (NY)	May 27, 1969
47	Sydney, Australia	Jul 11, 1969
48	Treasure Coast	Apr 27, 1970
49	Atlanta	Apr 29, 1970
50	Shreveport	Aug 24, 1970
51	Texas Gold Triangle	Sep 28, 1970
52	Gulf Coast	Oct 31, 1970
53	Sun Coast	Mar 19, 1971
54	Tyler	Jul 10, 1971
55	Wisconsin	Jul 16, 1971
56	Wichita Mountain*	Oct 13, 1971
57	Carolinas*	Oct 30, 1971
58	Colorado	Nov 11, 1971
59	Central Illinois	Apr 19, 1972
60	East Tennessee	Aug 9, 1972
61	Detroit	Sep 19, 1972
62	Suwannee	Sep 28, 1972
63	Central Oklahoma	Mar 19, 1973
64	El Paso	Aug 1, 1973
65	Niagara Frontier	Nov 17, 1973
66	Spaceport	Nov 21, 1973
67	Austin	Dec 20, 1973
68	West Branch	Dec 21, 1973
69	Everglades	Mar 4, 1974
70	National Capitol (Canada)	Mar 7, 1974
71	Central Ohio	Apr 10, 1974
72	Fort Worth	Apr 15, 1974
73	Southern Ontario	May 17, 1974
74	Muskegon	Jul 8, 1974
75	Central California Coast	Aug 15, 1974
76	Blue Ridge	Aug 15, 1974
77	Northern New Jersey	Oct 26, 1974
78	Lubbock	Nov 1, 1974
79	Sunflower	Nov 20, 1974
80	Caloosa	Nov 23, 1974
81	Long Island	Apr 4, 1975
82	Sailfish	Mar 25, 1975
83	Central Indiana	Mar 25, 1975
84	Florala	Apr 25, 1975
85	Ark-La-Tex	Apr 28, 1975
86	Fort Wayne	Jun 17, 1975
87	Evergreen	Jul 1, 1975
88	Tennessee Valley	Jul 21, 1975
89	Palmetto	Aug 7, 1975
90	Razorback	Aug 12, 1975

91	Northern Virginia	Oct 1, 1975
92	Northern Lights	Nov 11, 1975
93	Rio Grande Valley	Dec 30, 1975
94	Road Runner	Jan 9, 1976
95	Eastern New York	Jan 10, 1976
96	Gateway	Jan 14, 1976
97	West Virginia	Mar 16, 1976
98	Dogwood (British Columbia)**	Apr 12, 1976
99	Central Valley	May 20, 1976
100	East Georgia	Jul 10, 1976
101	Coastal Bend Chapter	Dec 13, 1976
102	Dakota Chapter	Feb 10, 1977
103	Fourth Corner Chapter	May 11, 1977
104	Treasure State (Montana)	Aug 16, 1977
105	Middle Tennessee Chapter	Nov 19, 1977

*Chapter believed dissolved, or inactive

** Chapter name changed because of ruling of a Province of British Columbia ruling.

KM1CC ----- MARCONI 75th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL EVENT STATION ----- KM1CC

During the week of January 14-22, 1978, Special Event Station, KM1CC, will be celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the first two-way radio telegraph transmission between the United States and Europe by Guglielmo Marconi in 1903. The station will be operating from the original Marconi station location in South Wellfleet, Massachusetts. The sponsor of the Station is the Town of Barnstable Radio Club of Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Operation will be on 160 through 10 meters, CW, SSB, RTTY and Slow Scan TV. A 2-meter FM and a 6 meter SSB station are also planned. The FCC has granted special approval for the use of A2 on all amateur bands and the famous sound of the 240 Hz Marconi Rotary Spark Gap 1903 Station "CC" will be reproduced for CW QSOs. The Cornish Radio Club will be operating a special event station, GB3MSA, at Poldhu, England, at the original Marconi station location during that period. The Irish Radio Transmitters Society will be operating with an EIØ special event call from a Marconi station site in Clifden, Ireland. W and K stations QSL with an SASE via: W1GAY, Duncan Kreamer, Main Street, Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts, 02568. DX can QSL via W1 Bureau or W1GAY. KM1CC mailing address: K1VV, R. J. Doherty, Control Operator, KM1CC, RFD #1, 14 Pine Street, Sandwich, Mass. 02563.

We urge all QCWA members to make a special effort to participate in this wonderful commemorative effort on the part of the Barnstable Amateur Radio Club...a QSL card would be a welcome addition to the shack!

WSEJ

Harvey Columbine, W2MLO prepared a fine document in connection with FCC Docket 20777. It consists of several pages of material, discussions and reasoned suggestions relative to RFI. The material was addressed to ARRL for their use in connection with proposals which would tend to insure that equipment manufacturers design and build consumer equipment capable of compatible operation with other radio equipments. A good job...if any of you would like to read it, we'll send you a copy. Write QCWA, Inc.

QCWA ADVERTISING

Advertising in the QCWA Newsletter is offered in two main types. First are QCWADS, which allow no unusual or special layouts...like want-ads.... They are low in cost, and will produce results for you. The second method is by regular space rates.

QCWA News is expecting to go to 8 x 10½ inch format in the March, 1978 issue. For that reason we are not quoting prices for advertising at this time. New space rates will be available to those interested on QCWA Rate Card No. 7.

QCWA has been fortunate to obtain the services of Lee Knirko, W9MOL, as Advertising Manager. Lee will have complete charge of scheduling, and is authorized to make and accept contracts for advertising in the NEWS. We urge you to contact the Advertising Manager as the following address:

Lee Knirko, W9MOL
222 South Riverside Plaza, No. 2400
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Our first issue is expected to feature some two-color printing, which we hope will make for improved reading.

We urge you, as a QCWA Member, to read the advertisements contained in the NEWS, and to patronize our advertisers who are putting their money on the line, bringing you news of new and old items of interest, but always of quality. When you order, please say "saw it in QCWA News."

HOW ABOUT IT?

Bud Neelands made an excellent suggestion, and we're passing it on to all QCWA'ers. Bud, being a mathematician of some note, did a bit of calculating, and based on his figures, it figures that we've got a good thing coming...Let me quote a bit. Bud is speaking..."As I understand it, we have something over 8000 members with a minimum of 25 years of experience in amateur radio. Let us convert this to 'Ham Days.'"

$$8000 \times 25 \times 365 = 73,000,000$$

"Now, during those 73 million plus days, surely many momentous events took place. Let us establish a department to be known as 'My Most Memorable Experience in Amateur Radio.'"

Bud's suggestion is a good one. we're going to try it on for size...and if you will send us your story we'll re-write it from the facts, if that is necessary. If you have the knack of putting your story down on paper we'll be glad to consider it for publication. There's nothing like getting the stories down while the OT's are here to tell them...so pick up your pen, let have that experience, and give pleasure to the rest of the gang. Address your stories to: QCWA, Inc., 1409 Cooper Dr., Irving, TX 75061.

Noel Olmstead, WSURT, immediate past President of the El Paso Chapter of QCWA wrote a short note, sending some fine color shots taken at the recent TEXOMA HAMARAMA. The pictures were much appreciated. We were also pleased to receive a fine shot of the Newly elected President of the El Paso Chapter, Otto Richardson, W5IGU. The picture, printed elsewhere in this issue of the NEWS, shows Otto receiving the Chapter Charter and gavel from Noel. Our congratulations to Otto and thanks to Noel for his work on behalf of QCWA.

QCWA PROFILE - QCWA NEWS will feature a story from and about QCWA members in each issue of the News. We ask that you submit material about yourself, or a friend, for publication in future issues of the "News." In this, our first such profile, may we introduce: K4EC...

B. Frank Borsody, PE
905 25th Avenue, West
Palmetto, FL 33561

It is particularly appropriate to include here the story related by Frank concerning his contact with Guglielmo Marconi...on nearly the 75th anniversary of Marconi's first US/Europe radio contact...But, into the story!!

Frank is speaking..."In October, 1933, RCA arranged for Guglielmo Marconi to visit the RCA exhibits at the Chicago World's Fair. I was manager of the RCA Communications' exhibit, so I had to do the honors there. David Sarnoff, President of RCA, had 'phoned me and told me that Marconi had lost his right eye in an automobile accident in Rome, and suggested I warn our employees at the Exhibit to avoid staring at his glass eye. This was one thing that, during Marconi's visit, I wished Sarnoff hadn't told me about...it seemed impossible for me to look at anything but Marconi's eye while I was conversing with him!

My RCA employees manning the Exhibit had been cracking jokes for weeks before Marconi's visit about 'Gigolo Marconi!' I knew better than to sternly discourage them; I thought it better to let it get out of their systems, and less likely to be uttered within his hearing. During Marconi's visit I was mighty careful! Marconi, I found, was a quiet, dignified man, but with a sense of humor, as his remarks proved. One of my assistants, after the visit, said to me, 'I thought Marconi was an engineer.' I asked, 'What about it?' This employee said, 'Well, when I started to explain how the facsimile machine worked, Marconi said 'Complicated, isn't it?' and walked away.' I told this fellow, 'Marconi was just letting you down easy...he was familiar with this kind of equipment before you were born.. it's been used on land-lines before radio was in use.'

During Marconi's visit I had a Morse code announcement running endlessly on our Exhibit public address speaker at 18 smp, reading, 'Seatore Marconi, welcome to our RCA Exhibit.' Marconi and Sarnoff, two old-time radio operators, had their heads together, reading the code message. One reporter addressed me, 'Say, you're the Manager; can't you see Mr. Marconi and Sarnoff can't hear each other on account of that loud code transmission?' I replied, 'Thanks, but you see, both of them are old time radio code operators, and they're reading it with difficulty due to the noise of this crowd.'

Later that day I strolled over to the Amateur Radio Exhibit, W9USA. There was Marconi enjoying himself, shaking hands, and signing autographs right and left. He recognized me, and I said, 'Senatore Marconi, you are more liberal here with your autographs than you were at our RCA Exhibit!' He smiled and said, 'Well, I've always considered myself an amateur.' A week later, during Dr. Lee deForest's visit, when he and I were having lunch alone together, I happened to repeat Marconi's remark that he had always considered himself an amateur; deForest chortled, 'I agree with him!'

During Marconi's visit I also had our demonstration facsimile machine reproducing a large picture of Marconi, being received by radio direct from Rome. I had three copies ready for Marconi to autograph, one for David Sarnoff, one for General James G. Harbord, Chairman of the Board of RCA, and one for myself. Also, two fountain pens on the ready! I still have

my copy! I forgot to tell Harbord and Sarnoff that facsimile ink (methyl violet) soon fades away under light. So, I have the only copy in existence, in a light-tight envelope, with a photographic copy to show.

Incidentally, I got the special assignment as Manager of the Exhibit because I didn't want it. Virtually every RCAC employee had put in for it. I was called up to RCAC President Willie Winterbottom's office, who asked me why I hadn't applied for the job. I told him 'I don't want it.' Willie asked, 'Why, everyone else wants a job out there.' I said, 'Too hard work, seven days a week, from 10 AM to 10PM!' Willie said, 'but I had in mind making you Manager!' I replied, 'That's even worse! - with 24 hours a day.' Willie wore me down by giving me a contract for the Fair, at double salary, plus expenses and many fringe benefits. I stayed in Chicago for RCA for the three years, 1933-1935."

Frank Borsody, K4EC, began his career in Radio as an Operator with the AEF in France during WW-I. His experiences run the gamut...Ship Operator, Professional Engineer, Commander of a Navy Station in Guam, responsibility for Airforce air-nav aids and communications, world-wide, Interpol design for world-radio-network communications, and much more...finally culminating in several years of sea-duty as an operator, after 40 years away...and in the Consulting firm of Borsody and Bairey. He is listed in "Who's who in America."

W5EJ

DAVID HARRELL, W5CVQ, one of the Pioneers of Amateur Radio (listed in the 1916 Government callbook as SDD) was in attendance at the recent Austin, Texas ARRL Convention. It was our pleasure to visit with him for a little while. Was it co- incidental that just a few days later, while reading of the old times we read as follows:

a letter to David Harrell from Headquarters, Southern Department, Fort Sam Houston, Texas: Dear Sir: Information has reached the Commanding General, Southern Department, to the effect that you are equipped with receiving and sending instruments for wireless telegraphy, and he directs me to communicate with you and to request that you make use of the enclosed penalty envelope, which requires no stamp, to inform this office in the event this information is correct that you have immediately dismantled this apparatus, and that you agree to make no further use of it until such time as you may be informed by these headquarters that its use by you will no longer be considered in violation of Federal law. It is also requested that you furnish these headquarters with a list of names and addresses of any other amateur operators in your vicinity whom you know, in order that similar instructions may be furnished to them. The Department Commander further directs me to inform you that unless prompt action as requested results from this communication, the matter will be placed in the hands of the United States Secret Service authorities and steps taken by the United States District Court to enforce what is herein requested.

April, 1916

s/respectfully, Max Bundy,
Colonel, Adjutant General, Dept. Adjutant

From what we can determine, the request came because of the punitive expeditions across the Texas Border, in those days. What we would really like to have now, is a story from David as to what really happened back 61 years ago...David was Secretary of the Austin Amateur Radio Club back in 1916!

MIDDLE TENNESSEE CHAPTER OF QCWA (105) has been formed, and a Charter has been issued. Congratulations go to those who have worked hard and long to bring the newest QCWA Chapter into existence. Organizational meetings were held on September 13, and again on October 18 at the Rivergate Shoneys Restaurant in Goodlettsville, TN. Those in attendance at these meetings were:

W4AEE, W4CYL, K4ER, W4FGD, W4JJP, W4KKO, W4PFP, K4PR, W4PRY, W4QAN, W4TLJ, W4TX, W4WHN, W4WXI, W4WXO, W4WXQ, W4WXV.

At the meetings elections were held with Officers elected as follows:

Bob Wessel, President

I. D. Byars, W4KKO, Secretary/Treasurer

The next meeting of the Chapter is scheduled for Thursday, January 12, 1978 at the Ramada Inn in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. The Chapter, getting off on the right foot, has set nominal chapter dues of \$3 per year.

There has been much interest in the Chapter, with John Fite, NCS for the Tennessee Net on 80 meters publicizing the meetings, and the Short Mountain repeater on 31/91 has been helpful.

Charter membership in the Chapter was held open until November 12, and the Chapter is especially proud to have Max Arnold, W4WHN, Delta Division Director as a Charter Member. Newspaper publicity is planned. In its optimism, the Chapter plans on having a membership of 50 very soon...and a new QCWA Banner to celebrate the event.

QCWA members are urged to visit the January 12th meeting...those who are not members are welcome...plenty of membership application blanks will be on hand.

- Bob Wessel, K4PR
I. D. Byars, W4KKO

EVERGLADES CHAPTER QCWA - Joe Glauber, W4OB called the November 5, 1978 meeting to order. Distinguished members and guests were: Mark Devaney, K4IDC, past National Treasurer of QCWA, Art Monsees, W4BK, Treasurer of QCWA, Inc.; Dave Talley, W2PF, first National Treasurer of QCWA and, John Rider, W2RID. Red Crise, WA4ZRW, organizer and director of the Pan American Ham EXposition Jamboree, held in Fort Lauderdale in October.

Mark Devaney introduced the new QCWA Treasurer, Art Monsees who spoke on QCWA matters. Following the meeting, Frank Reiner, W4JVR recorded this mini-convention of QCWA National Treasurers on film, and it will be published one day soon.

Arthur Gaeth, Sr., WØFQB, wrote in regard to receiving roster material for Chapter use, and in connection with the possibility of QCWA having some "get-well" cards printed that could be distributed to Chapters for use in writing to members who are ill. This project is being put into the mill. Trying to come up with a card that will fit all cases isn't easy, but we're trying.

SOME HAVE ASKED WHERE TO GET THE BOOK "All Creatures Great & Small." If not available in your bookstore, it can be ordered from the address below:

BANTAM BOOKS, Inc.
414 East Golf Road
Des Plaines, IL 60016

Bud, W6DLL, was right in the last issue..it's a grand book.

RAZORBACK CHAPTER held its Fall meeting on October 8, 1977 at Bentonville, Arkansas. WØHA was host to the meeting. Three Directors for the Chapter were nominated, and elected unanimously...they were: Leland, W5KL, Bob, W5MYZ and Pat, W5POH. A newsletter will be sent four times each year, prior to, and following the Spring and Fall meetings. Chapter members & friends are requested to get information in to the Secretary, Pat Pattee, Route 3, Sycamore Springs, Mountain Home, Arkansas 72653...Pat mentioned that there is a possibility that a Chapter might be started for QCWA members living in the Southern part of the State...due to long travel to the meetings...we certainly favor that action. It was announced that the Spring, 1978 meeting would be in either Russellville or Harrison...

W5POH

DUES NOTICES

At best, dues are a nuisance, and we hate harp on them, but we've got to have them to stay in business. And, make no mistake, we are running a pretty good sized business. At present 20 to 40 letters are written and mailed every single day...records are kept...we're in the computer business, and getting deeper in it each passing day...QCWA is growing at a rapid rate, and if our hope for more Chapters comes to pass, the fact is that we will easily double our membership in very few years. Our postage bill is a caution...and as with each one of us, everything we use or purchase costs more today than it did yesterday...we're not complaining, but just want you to know that attempting to provide services to a membership of 8000 active Amateurs keeps us humping! Now, as the year ends, we are planning on issuing the 1978 QCWA Membership Roster. It is expected to be somewhat different than before, only because of the high costs involved. We will probably have a stapled booklet, of a large number of pages...but, to have your name in that booklet...the only Roster we will publish until 1980...you must have your membership in QCWA in good standing. That means dues paid! So, won't you please look at the shipping label on the front of this issue of the Newsletter. The last 5 characters on the top line will appear something like this:

DEC77...or something similar. That means that your dues will expire on the last day of the month indicated, in the year indicated. I.E., in the example, dues would expire December 31, 1977.

Each label on the Newsletters will carry this designation in the future and we urge that you notice each one and take appropriate action. Just in case your dues are either expired, or about to, dues may be paid as shown:

Send to: QCWA, Inc
1409 Cooper Drive
Irving, TX 75061

Regular dues are \$14 for 3 years. If you are delinquent in dues, see the story elsewhere in this issue regarding the way to figure out what goes. In any event, or if there is confusion, drop us a letter or a card and we'll reply quickly to assist you in any way at all.

W5RC/W5EJ

Chet Ofelt, W5TWZ suggested that we not hide the way dues should be sent and paid...so, we're trying to do a bit better...Thanks Chet!

A nice letter from Elmer Odien, W2HBQ, of Buffalo, speaking of the old times. If we can make it back to the "Frontier" we'll visit him and the whole gang.

1978 QCWA QSO PARTY LOG

Sheet No. _____

Name _____, Call _____

Address _____

Sheet totals

Please use GMT, date & time. 0000 is a new date

QSO's Mult's

LOGS MUST BE IN HANDS OF THE JUDGES NO LATER THAN MARCH 3, 1978

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA COAST CHAPTER - Mort Brewer, W6JU sent a long ltr with some excellent suggestions for QCWA...one is that we make it very clear that one does not have to have been licensed 25 continuous years to be eligible for membership in QCWA. We will make a special note of these elsewhere...The Santa Maria Convention was a big success, and the QCWA Booth was well visited. Apparently a good time was had when the spark transmitter was fired up...and the Sunday morning breakfast had 96 in attendance. All is fine except that we haven't received a pix of that new Banner yet! We are looking forward to that, and will probably have it in time for the March issue...be watching.

COLORADO CHAPTER of QCWA has just completed their November meeting as this is being written, on the evening of November 23...wish we'd been there, but we will try to attend a meeting in December. The meeting featured Yardley Beers, WØJF, of Boulder, with an illustrated talk on old times. It was noted that Ken Stanger, WØCAW had been awarded the 60-year Certificate. The Chapter is looking for new members, so come on gang, you in the beautiful Mountains, drop a note to Len Guldman, WØFUH for word on the next meeting of the Chapter.

- Don Holaday, WØDR

A. G. (BB) Wentzel, W2HX reported on activities in the Delaware Valley Chapter. 98 members were in attendance at the September 24 meeting at the Mallard Inn, at Marlton, NJ...The program featured magic acts by Joe Richey, K2AT, who was wonderful...then good music by Russell Cramer, WA2JCF and Robert Littler, K2EQQ. New members introduced were:

W2LFX - George G. Scott
W2RIV - William R. Roberts

It was announced that Clark Creager, K3PT, a life member of the Chapter had become a Silent Key.

W3SW gave a short talk on FCC dockets in progress. Connie has been re-elected Atlantic Director of the ARRL!

Dr. Charles S. Greene brought a friend, XE1MSG as a visitor to the meeting. It was a good one, the next meeting scheduled November 12th.

Walt Kinney, Chairman of the SOUTHEAST FLORIDA CHAPTER of QCWA provides plenty of up to date information on activities in the Miami area. Walt says they're mailing out applications for membership from coast to coast and I think we're seeing some of them come back here in the Office. He sent an announcement of the Tropical Hamboree, and we are printing a bit of information on that, although the News will be a little late for those planning on attending. The Fall meeting of the SE Chapter was held October 8. Evelyn Gauzens, W4WYR (18 years as Chairman of the Hamboree) applied for membership in QCWA, and received her certificate on that date. It was a pleasure to have Nat Burnette, K4OL, a Charter Member of QCWA present, and Howard Mehrling, W4HN, who was presented his 50-year Certificate.

-Walt, W4GJ

BILL BONNELL, W5TI, one of the Founders of the Fort Worth Chapter of QCWA and one of the top traffic men in Texas, has given QCWA a tape cassette of the old-time spark signals. The tape has been filtered to eliminate hum and noise, and we sure appreciate receiving it.



L to R, are the El Paso Area Chapter Presidents...Otto Richardson, W5IGU, receiving the Chapter Charter and Gavel from outgoing President, Noel Olmstead, W5URT.



From the South-East Florida Chapter, L-R are: Evelyn Gauzens, W4WYR; Walt Kinney, W4GJ, presenting her QCWA membership certificate, and at the right, Howard Mehrling, W4HN, receiving his Golden Certificate!

CORRECTION

On Page 13, of the September, 1977, issue of QCWA News, we made two errors that have been called to our attention. They are:

Silent Key, Ralph W. Duke was listed with the wrong call. His Amateur Call was W9IWJ

Silent Key, A. H. Marcy was listed with the wrong call. His Amateur Call was W4ID

Please accept our sincere apologies

PUBLICATION DATES AND DEADLINES

A number of QCWA members, editors and others have suggested that we publish our best estimate of publication dates, and deadlines for submission of material for QCWA papers. Well, there will be variations, but the best estimate we can make for the year 1978 is as follows:

Publication	Deadline for Material	Mailing Date
President's Letter*	February 1, 1978	February 10, 1978
QCWA NEWS	February 15, 1978	March 15, 1978
1978 Member's Roster		March 30, 1978
Gen. Mgr's Letter*	April 1, 1978	April 10, 1978
President's Letter*	May 1, 1978	May 10, 1978
QCWA NEWS	May 15, 1978	June 15, 1978
Gen. Mgr's Letter*	July 1, 1978	July 15, 1978
QCWA NEWS	August 15, 1978	September 15, 1978
President's Letter*	September 1, 1978	September 10, 1978
President's Letter*	October 20, 1978	November 1, 1978
QCWA NEWS	November 15, 1978	December 10, 1978

* The President's Letter and General Managers Letter are addressed to are addressed to Chapters, and have a limited circulation. They are sent to provide information of activities of the National Office and Board of Directors actions and so forth.

The Bi-annual Member's Roster will contain member listings, as of the latests possible cut-off date...and that will likely be February 1, 1978. The material will be dated. Members not in good standing will not be included in the listings

-W5EJ-

NIAGARA FRONTIER CHAPTER Secretary, Bill Hope, W2ENT has written with a nice bit of News from Western New York. The Chapter wishes to make an application for Sales Tax Exemption...information needed from Headquarters but we couldn't give it at this time. Bill noted that Niagara doesn't use a local newsletter and depends on news dissemination by the National News letter. In a saddened note it was announced that Karl B. Hoffman, W2RG, had become a Silent Key on August 18, 1977. We're hoping to get into the Buffalo area again this coming winter and to have a chance to see the Boys there.

THE SUNFLOWER CHAPTER OF QCWA (Kansas) hosted a QCWA Breakfast during the ARRL Midwest Division Convention at Wichita on October 8. We understand the Convention was good, and the Breakfast better. Steve Schultz, W0CHJ reported that approximately 40 members attended the affair at the Broadview Hotel. A good picture of some of the boys in attendance was sent, and appears in another part of this issue of the News. Sure wish we could have attended that meeting. Haven't been in Wichita in a very long time.

- W5EJ

HOUSTON CHAPTER QCWA...A good newsletter was sent by the Chapter, together with a complete copy of the President's letter. The Meeting program last month featured Roy Colvin, W5SBD who presented an illustrated talk on his work in establishing the first amateur radio station at the South Pole. Monte, W5YZ, oops, N5EN is in San Antone and Harry Wilson, W5BGC is pinch hitting for the Thursday night meeting on 3876. We're short on pix from Houston...how about it?



SUWANNEE CHAPTER sent in a picture (above) and the following captions for it..."Thirty five members and guests of the SUWANNEE Chapter of QCWA attended our semi-monthly luncheon late October at Silver Springs, FL. The picture, taken by George Sperry, W4UKA, shows most all of 'em. In the front row center is President Larry Garland, W4LIN..immediately behind him is Hal Carpenter, Secretary/treasurer and to the extreme left is our oldest member, K4RX, sharing his lap with his YL

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IT IS WITH PLEASURE that we acknowledge the work of Edgar A Jefferson, W8EH, in connection with Emergency Communications involving ships at sea. For his work, Edgar was awarded the ARRL PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD. This is the area in which Amateur Radio has always done yeoman duty, and we offer our congratulations to Edgar for work well done. We'll see you in the QSO Party, Edgar.

FINGER-LAKES CHAPTER QCWA reports that its reorganization is complete and that Officers have been elected, and so forth. This is good news, and we congratulate those working to get things moving...New Officers are:

S. M. (Bud) Cohn, N2BM, President

Leslie A. Fryer, W2CM, Treasurer

Frederick V. Adsit, W2ZOJ, Secretary

The Chapter met on November 20, with Bud Cohn presiding. 44 members & guests were in attendance, and were entertained by Charlie Sykes, a story teller supreme.

Enthusiastic and unanimous approval was given to the Chapter's forming a volunteer examiner committee to work in cooperation with the FCC's District No. 20 field office in Buffalo. Those who can help should contact W2ZOJ! N2BM read Harry Gartsman's latest letter to all Chapters & summarized Ethel Smith's letter of appreciation. Chapter founder W2IK's letter reassuring all of his improving condition was read. High point in the afternoon's activities was presentation of 56-year certificate endorsement stickers to Fred Kaffer, W2PPS (306) and to Nort Shofstall, K2CV (892).

Membership in the revitalized Finger Lakes Chapter is invited, dues are \$1/year, and W2ZOJ is optimistic on getting a roster of 50 members. Geographically, the Finger Lakes and Mohawk Valley Chapters overlap, and many dual memberships exist. Lower population density account for no Chapters in the Rochester and St. Lawrence Valley/Northern New York region...QCWA members in those areas are cordially invited to affiliate with Finger Lakes!

W2ZOJ's address is: 117 Ferris Avenue, Syracuse, N. Y. 13224!

ATLANTA CHAPTER QCWA wrote requesting zip-code member list which is going out today...Wendell Cushing, K4VN wrote regarding poor attendance at the meetings...well, the way that universally seems to work best is to make arrangements for a small meeting space in a cafeteria, most have such rooms and will allow their use free. The cafeteria is necessary to permit those with touchy stomachs to eat lightly, as well as those with touchy purses. Then...have a meeting each month, same day (like first Saturday, etc.), & have it rain or shine. At first maybe only a few will come, but as they become aware that meeting day is here, they'll begin to make it a regular thing. An occasional good program is also helpful, but not as important as a fixed date and at no more than a month apart. The on-the-air net in Atlanta is on 3930, Saturdays at 0900. Please send a pix one of these days for the NEWS, and let us know how the monthly meetings work.

Officers and Directors for the Chapter are:

Wendell D. Cushing, K4VN, President

Riley N. Stone, K4HYY, Vice President

James A. Gundry, W4JM, Secretary/Treasurer

Byron Lindsey, W4BIW and Al Roloff, N4UZ, Directors.

LONG ISLAND CHAPTER QCWA has announced that Harry Dannals, W2HD will be the featured speaker at their December 2 meeting. The Chapter has a roster of 136 members and election of Officers will be held at the December meeting. The meeting will be special in an additional manner - It will commemorate the role of Art DeVinney, W2RRY, for his role in the founding and organizing of the LICQCWA Chapter. Scene of the event, now past, but not was we write, was the Coral House Restaurant. Sure wish we could have been in attendance!

DELAY IN THE MAILS - This is a perfectly unusual story on mail delay, and this time it wasn't the pony express either...Bob Embry, W4HHQ sent a note he had received from W1CKM. The note simply stated that F8QQ had sent a QSL card for Bob in a letter to W1CKM. The card, dated 1925, was sent to Bob with the note 27 years later...guess it was better late than never. Hi.

E. Phil Coulter, Secretary of the Treasure State Chapter QCWA wrote with interesting information, and a great biographical sketch on T. J. Rigby, an old-timer, formerly 6DU. We expect to use portions of this material in a future issue of the NEWS...It was great reading. Thanks, Phil.

Andy Anderson, KØNL, Editor of ARNS, printer, and Amateur extraordinary wrote a fine letter pointing out some things about mailing that were a help to us. It mighty near takes a Philadelphia Lawyer to figure out the USPS rate sheets...and the different post-offices don't even agree among themselves...so, as one mailer to another, we had a good discussion and Andy, write again when you can find time.

BILL SAVELL, W2LS, wrote a fine letter, with a nice story. Let us quote directly from his letter..."As I mentioned, my original call was 3CJJ. Naturally, any combination of prefix and district followed by 'CJJ' attracted my attention, so when I heard 2CJJ, I called him and had a fine QSO on February 9, 1925. On October 13, 1977, under my present call, W2LS (and just four miles from the original site of our first QSO) we had our second QSO, 52½ years later. Interestingly, we both were close personal friends of HC1FG, Carlos and Judy Cordovez. Carlos has since passed into the ranks of 'Silent Keys' but Judy continues to operate HC1FG. George, W2CJJ (George L. Bose) gave me a list of frequencies he works regularly and I hope we may have additional QSO's with shorter intervals between them." Bill continued, "QCWA News is read with regularity and enjoyed very much. We are only sorry we did not join the Organization earlier. Unfortunately we are quite remote from a local chapter and do not travel too far afield these days, so we are not a member of any Chapter." "My best regards to you and to any old friends who may have the opportunity to see this item."

Bill sent copies of the QSL cards involved in the contacts above... thanks very much, and you guys who know W2LS...send him a note.

NORTHWEST CHAPTER has announced appointment of Tex Sloat, W7AHK to the Office of National Representative. The appointment made by Chapter Chairman, W7BCS. The Seattle member hosted the November 5 meeting with more than 50 members, wives and guests enjoying a fine repast and meeting. Beth, W7NJS, was appointed Representative of the Oregon Section and will host the dinner in March, of 1978

- W7AHK

IMPORTANT EVENTS IN RADIO - 1927

Transatlantic radiophone service opened to the public on January 7.

The Radio act of 1927 passed on February 23, creating the Federal Radio Commission.

On April 7 the experimental radio station of the Bell Telephone laboratory at Whippny, N. J. (3XN), was successfully used in a public demonstration of television; the facial expression and voice of Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover could be seen and heard in New York distinctly and at the same time.

Radio was used by the airplane *AMERICA* on June 29, for the first time by an airplane in crossing the Atlantic Ocean from the United States to France.

The International Radio Telegraph Conference held at Washington, D. C., October 4 to November 25.

As a result of experiments conducted during the past two years on methods of synchronization, broadcasting stations WBZ at Springfield, Massachusetts, and WBZA, at Boston, MA, owned by the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company are now being regularly operated simultaneously in absolute synchronism, the wavelength of the transmitter at the Boston station being held under automatic control by the Springfield transmitter so that any variation at Springfield will create a similar variation at Boston, assuring absolute synchronism at all times during the operation of these stations.

Experiments are now being conducted for the synchronization of two or more transmitters by radio control instead of by wire, as in the case of WBZ/WBZA.

The U. S. S. Kittery, experimenting with a radio compass during hurricane weather, found that the intensity of static may be useful in detecting and locating storms at a considerable distance.

The experimental station of the General Electric Company, at Schenectady, N. Y., call signal 2XAG, is running extensive tests with vacuum tubes operating at a power of 100 kilowatts.

The Department of Commerce began the installation of directional radio beacons for use in aviation. Two-way communication experiments between plane and ground have been carried on with considerable success.

RALPH CABANILLAS, W6IL has written concerning a national QCWA calling frequency...his conclusion being that a frequency is not practical, but that instead members simply call CQ QCWA...Let's try it for a while to see if it will catch on, and in due time become a traditional call for a member wishing to rag-chew with another OT.

In another suggestion, Ralph thought it might be desirable to have a universal QSL card, instantly identifiable as QCWA...and that these could be provided through headquarters. It can be done...if you, the members are willing to, and want the service, we'll get some preliminary work done & set up two or three optional cards which can be standardized except for the personal information and calls. Price estimates, delivery, etc., will be needed. If 50 members indicate the desire, we'll go ahead with the work. Write QCWA, Inc...QSL Department! And, to Ralph, thanks for good suggestions...keep them coming.

METRO (New York) CHAPTER QCWA - provided us with a nice story on events at the Sept 14, 1977 meeting, held at Luchow's in conjunction with the Radio Club of America meeting, honoring Nat Pfeffer, W2AIM. The program speaker was Walt Mitchell, Chief of the tower, at Kennedy International, who spoke on FAA operations, and gave a preview of future operations. Sam Grossman, W2GDJ presented a plaque made by Vi Grossman to Nat, W2AIM in testimony to his untiring efforts on behalf of Amateur Radio & QCWA, The meeting, chaired by Larry, W1GUW was declared a success

DOGWOOD CHAPTER QCWA (98) - Each month the Chapter has a breakfast gathering on Saturday. This includes the girls and of course there is no business conducted. The fun part is that the Host and Hostess looks after finding a good place to have breakfast...this means that we have to go fifty miles once in a while for breakfast. The turn-out is good. George and Mary McNeil, VE7ON presented Host Pete, VE7JT with a fine ashtray with Pete's call fired on it. It is rumored that this might be presented to all Hosts. The Christmas Party is in good hands with the Activity Committee, VE7HI and VE7BQ's XYL, Mrs. Alice Sibson doing the planning. Bill, VE7ACJ, our President is working hard to satisfy Constitutional changes required by the Society Act.

We are slowly advancing into our 200 members, which is the Chapter Goal for 1978...the devaluation of the Canadian dollar hurts our hopes in that regard.

VE7LL is basking in the Arizona Sun and VE7CB is away to the South with his trailor..while here at home your Secretary is seeing that prospects get signed up...By all accounts, many of our QCWA members end up in Arizona, and that they should form a SNOW-BIRD MOBILE CHAPTER, making them active in two chapters.

-- Ernie, VE7FB

EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER QCWA -- Bob Embry, W4HHQ has written of the Fall meeting, held October 29, 1977 with 68 in attendance. The Chapter holds semi-annual meetings, and this one featured 4 new members..W4TDZ, K4EAJ, W4GHL and W4VQE. Two visitors from the Blue Ridge Chapter were on hand.. The meeting featured a visit to the TEN-TEC Plant at Sevierville, Tenn.

Gene Banta, W4SGI presented an illustrated talk on his recent visit to South America. It was enjoyed by all in attendance. As a part of Chapter activities, Al Kahn, K4FW was presented his Golden Certificate, endorsed for 56 years, and Forrest Pilgrim, W4JD received endorsement stickers for 56 years in Amateur Radio...congratulations to them. Pictures of the presentation are shown elsewhere in this issue of the News.

TROPICAL HAMBOREE & ARRL S.E. DIVISION CONVENTION... Scheduled for January 21-22, 1978. If the P.O. is good to us, you'll be reading our blurb here well in advance of registration time. Pre-registration will be \$2.50. Send your checks to Dade Radio Club, P. O. Box 350045, Riverside Station, Miami, Florida 33135..

We received a nice note from Harry Gilling, W9IB, telling us that we had messed up, giving him the call WØIB. It was we'uns alright, and just points up the fact that we're poor photographers, since we tried to read the call-letters on his nameplate, unsuccessfully. Sorry Harry, our apologies, and thanks..

ON RESTRUCTURING OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS!

In July, 1977, at Seattle, the Board of Directors of QCWA adopted a resolution setting up a Committee to study, consider and finally come up with recommendations to the Board for changes to the By-Laws, and amendments to the Constitution, as required, to please the requirements of the members of QCWA. To assist in this work, a Committee consisting of Ethel Smith, K4LMB, Leo Meyerson, WØGFQ and Art Miligan, W8KW was appointed to study the desirability of proposing changes as required to properly serve the Members of QCWA. The Committee has been working since August on the project. In addition, a Committee was formed to review the recommendations of the Restructuring Committee. The review board consisted of Nat Pfeffer, W2AIM, Moe Joffe, W6PHE and Ralph Cabanillas, W6IL. As it now stands, the Restructuring Committee has presented a draft of suggested modifications to the Constitution and by-laws. The draft has not yet been reviewed by the Committee, which is scheduled to meet sometime after December 1st, in California. It is hoped that the complete restructuring report can be completed, with recommendations finalized in such a manner that the Board of Directors can entertain the motion to accept or reject as they see fit. A great deal of work has been put into the project to this time...it is our understanding that the final document will be in order by the time the Board Meeting is held. Thanks of all QCWA members it due to the Restructuring Committee and to the Review Committee for their efforts. It is desirable that the document, when complete be submitted to Amos Peters, W5LHX, Legal Advisor of QCWA, for his comments. It is hoped that all of the details necessary to insure that actions of the Board, on behalf of the members are properly carried out, can be completed in time for the Executive Board Meeting scheduled for February 4, 1978.

H. E. Preston, W2RIZ, Secretary of the Central New York Chapter of QCWA wrote with suggestions for increasing the membership of QCWA. His points were well taken, and are under consideration. In addition he has asked that QCWA provide a brochure listing the excellent reasons why an Amateur should become affiliated with QCWA. Such a document is being put together, and we hope can be ready for distribution soon. We want to thank the Central New York Chapter, and invite comment and suggestions from all of our Chapters and members...this way we stay up to date.

-W5EJ

Mort Brewer, Secretary of the Central California Chapter wrote with a bit of information and a few suggestions. It seems that a Chapter of QCWA might just fit in the Ventura/Santa Barbara region...what do you think? We've only one problem...thinking of a good reason to visit California...no, that isn't right, we've plenty of reasons, just no money, Hi. Keep the word coming gang!

-Ted-

Headquarters Staff, Rollie, W5RC and Ted, W5EJ have been busy this past two weeks getting out notices to 600 QCWA members who were believed to be delinquent in dues. We've been getting replies, and found a few errors and believe that the work was worth the candle...please check your label on this newsletter...the last 5 characters on the top line list the month and year of your dues expiration...check them, if you agree fine, if not write to us explaining any problems or difficulties. Thanks!

Rollie and Ted!

TEXAS HUMOR

This has been a pretty serious NEWSLETTER, and it seems to us that just a bit of a smile is in order...here is a story recorded by Mody Boatright in "Folk Laughter on the American Frontier," which illustrates how bad some Texas roads can get....

A man was struggling to get through an especially muddy stretch of country road when he saw a hat lying on the ground. It looked like a pretty good hat and so he dismounted to pick it up. Leaning out cautiously over the mudhole, he seized it by the crown and immediately a voice from beneath called out, "Hey, what you doing there?" The hat was on a man's head.

"Do you need any help?" the wearer was asked.

"No, thank you," he replied. "I'm riding a mighty good horse and I guess I'll make it through."

LOWELL G. CROYSDALE, W5UCY, of 1517 Cherokee Drive, Pascagoula, MS 39567 wrote us a fine letter, reproduced below:

"Thanks a lot for the fifty year reminder that I'm getting along in years. During a somewhat longer lifetime and those enjoyable years as a ham nothing appears to me to compare with the advent of the Satellite OSCARS. Phase III due in '79 will more than prove it if the amateurs properly respect and use it. Oscar 6 would still be a useable bird had the kill-o-watters limited their output to that recommended by AMSAT.

Phase III will require private donations of at least two-hundred thousand dollars and is quite reasonable when you consider that a similar satellite by the government costs in excess of ten million. Having been a close friend of one of the founders of AMSAT, the late Capt. Petry, W3AWN, I have been associated with the organization since before OSCAR 6 went into orbit."

Lowell had sent a contribution to AMSAT commemorating Andy Shafer, W8TE, and sent the certificate to us. Since publishing the event, we have now received another donation to AMSAT. We urge all members, who are able to do so, to make a nominal donation to AMSAT, in \$10 increments. The work is worthwhile, and the contribution will certainly go a long way to making the project fly.

- W5EJ

CHARTER MEMBER, W2EC....Ferd Thiede, a charter member of QCWA has been honored by the donation, in his name, as a memorial, of funds to purchase power cells for AMSAT. The donation made by Don Sayer, W2GP, has been placed in the hands of AMSAT, and Ferd's Wife, Helen, will receive an acknowledgement of the memorial gift. It is particularly wonderful that the Old-Timers be remembered in connection with the work of AMSAT...It was only 60 years ago that these old timers, then young men were busy pioneering a new mode of communication, now three generations later work in their memory is going forward in the same pioneering vein. On behalf of all QCWA members, thank you, Don!

QCWA Board of Directors Meeting, Feb. 4, 1978 in Chicago. For those who wish to attend, information on time, place of meeting, hotel accommodations near O'Hare Field and a planned group lunch, contact Phil Haller, W9HPG, 6000 S. Trip, Chicago, IL 60629 Phone (312) 767-5646

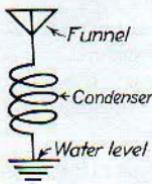
FROM AUSTRALIA - FRANK N. LEVERRIER, VK2ADE, WELL KNOWN MEMBER OF QCWA HAS SENT HIS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, SENDS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO ALL HIS FRIENDS: "I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF SENDING MY BEST WISHES AND CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO GUS GIRONDA AND OTHER OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF QCWA WHO I MET AT THE COMBINED QCWA-OOTC BANQUET AT THE RAMADA INN, DAYTON, OHIO IN APRIL, 1974, DURING WHICH TIME I WAS PRESENTED THE QCWA 50-YEAR CERTIFICATE."

Frank, it was good to get your letter, and from all of us a very Merry Christmas and Wonderful New Year to you and our other VK Friends.

Joe Trahan, W4UCL, wrote a letter in which he pointed out that we had left Mark Devaney, K4IDC, out of a list of those to whom we had tipped our hat in the last News... He was right. It brought to mind the fact that we also left Art Monsees name out of the list of Officers in the Mast-head at the top of Page 2. Since both men are, or were treasurers, and both are fine and well loved Gentlemen... the only way one can believe is that we don't like treasurers... 'Tain't so... To Mark and to Art - our apologies, and we'll try to do better. No one of QCWA knows more than we the work that Mark has done for QCWA, and that Art will be doing from now on. So, Joe, thanks for writing us... May you all be blessed with health and happiness!

THE GATEWAY CHAPTER has qualified for a free QCWA Banner. We have received a complete Roster of the Chapter, and checking shows that 51 members, in good standing, are on the Roll. A banner has been ordered & a special plea went to the manufacturer to see that it arrives for the December 10, 1977 Chapter meeting. Wish we could be there, but a pix of the event will be next best.

From QST, September, 1922 the emblem below depicts a real & great sense of humor...



Has anyone noticed the similarity between our A.R.R.L. emblem and the American Rum Runners League?

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR QCWA. It appears that we may not be entirely clear in setting forth the requirement for membership in QCWA. Some are confused by the wording of the Application Form (being revised) which, we admit, is ambiguous. Actually, there are two requirements. (1) You are required to have a current Amateur Radio License; (2) You are required to have been licensed at least 25 years previously. There is no requirement to have been licensed for 25 continuous years.

- WSRC

ARIZONA CHAPTER QCWA..... Lucky Brown, K7NTG, Secretary sent us a great big letter, and 7-page Chapter Newsletter which had some information even we didn't have... a fine bit of work from the Irish! We noted that a full copy of the President's letter went to each Chapter member. There was a letter from K4LMB, reproduced, and several pages of good information that put everyone in the Chapter right up to date. A truly remarkable job of work, and we congratulate the Arizona Chapter for its work, and the Secretary for yeoman duty. If the photo-shop is willing, we should have pix of Chapter activities in this issue... look for 'em.

K7NTG..

TITLES, RANKS, MULTIPLE CALLS AND ADDRESSES AND COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

We know that our stock is going to plummet, but there is little that can be practically done to preserve a few of the niceties in our Roster, of yesteryear...Most of you are familiar with computers, and have cursed them as much as we have, but, they do save your life when the Roster gets up into the numbers we now have...and with the corrections we now have. We are now making corrections to names, calls, addresses, dues, etc., in excess of 500 per month at times. It is a big job, without the computer we would have chaos...we nearly have with it, but not quite. At any rate, the reason for all of this lead-up is to advise of certain rules that we feel must be set up...and the reasons for them:

1. All Titles, Ranks (Military or otherwise) are being deleted from QCWA Roster listing.

Reason -- In fairness to all. Where you might have the name Pete Smith, it is easy to add a Col. in front, or Dr. Jim Avery...but we had it put to us cold...and it was essentially the following: A QCWA member wrote in and wanted his rank and status entered in the roster, as follows:

Mstr Sgt Frederick Oppenheimer, 24th Btn, USA (Ret)
that comes to 51 entries, leaving out periods, etc....
the computer allows 25 entries for the name.

When we recovered enough to write, the gentleman said OK, make it simple Fred Oppenheimer, but make sure you do it to all alike...

2. Two Calls are to be deleted, with the prime call only, to be used from this time forward.

Reason -- The computer allows 6 entries for calls, no more, no less. The only solution would be to list the entire name and address twice...this would double the space, it would automatically double the postage rate, with two of everything being sent to the member

3. Winter & Summer addresses are being deleted. Only one address at a time, for each member.

Reason: Two addresses mean double mailings, or time consuming searching through labels to remove the doubles. Mail costs double, and time costs treble.

Note: We will change your address whenever you write us to do so...no trouble, no charge, and we mail to your designated address. All you need to do is send a card!

We realize that you may not be convinced, but believe us, we've tried to keep the double listings, ranks, etc...it costs too much in time and money...it just plain isn't compatible with computer usage. As we see it, one of the proudest titles you can have is your Amateur Call. It is uniquely yours, it absolutely identifies you and, it makes the blasted computer purr!

W5EJ/W5RC

ARRL MIDWEST CONVENTION
QCWA BREAKFAST, Wichita
Kansas, October 8, 1977

L-R are: Jim McKim,,
WØCY; an unidentified
member who sure looks
familiar and; Paul
Grauer, WØFIR, who not
only is a QCWA member
but is also Midwest
Director for ARRL.



Jack Six, W4YPA
A real QCWA worker
for more years than
we can remember.



Forrest, W4JD making presentation
of the Golden Certificate to Al
Kahn, K4FW..October 29, 1977

L-R are:
John Fite, W4PFP
Harry Carroll, W4AEE

at the Middle Tennessee
Chapter Meeting held at
Goodlettsville, Tenn.



Noel Eaton, VE3CJ,
June, 1977, at the
Toronto Convention

EASTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER

George Fuller, Secretary of the Chapter wrote on the Annual Dinner meeting, held at Veeders Restaurant on October 22, 1977...47 members and friends were in attendance. William Barnes, W2GM, President presided over the meeting. Speaker of the evening was Mr. Steve Fitz, Master of Ceremonies for special programming on station WQBK. He spoke on early radio, stories and the beginnings of talk-programs. It as greatly enjoyed by all. Chapter membership was announced at 36. George offered the suggestion that we print scheduled deadlines for publication, and so forth...we've taken his suggestion!

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER QCWA

The Chapter is busy with plans for the 1978 Convention - and, it seems that the November 6 meeting must have been a wonderful one. Frank Jallu, W6GU, programs director arranged for Doctor Ronald Angione, Associate Professor of Astronomy at San Diego State University to appear. During the discussions it was found that Dr. Angione is an Amateur (K6IIQ)... his subject was "Large Scale Violence in the Universe." It was a slide/talk program, and we sure wish we could have been there (W5EJ). It is good news to know that Romeo and Helen (K6PM) are back home..and Frank and Ofa (W6GU) are back from Alaska...two good programs in the offing. The Chapter wants everyone to make plans for SANDARC meeting next Sept...

SOMETIMES IT'S WORTH IT - A welcome letter from C. G. Schaal, W4PEI..... so that you all can share, here's his letter..."Dear Ted: Herewith is my check for the next 3 years dues. Was debating whether to go ahead with this again, or drop out, as am now retired and you know what that can mean sometimes (after 53 years with SCL RR). But, when I heard Bill Waldo, W4PEI, of Orlando, the CITRUS CHAPTER SECRETARY, read our new President's letter...inspiring and lively, on the 3955 Florida QCWA Net this moring I could hardly wait to get out my check book and get one off. It looks like we are going to have a great leap forward, as the popular saying goes, under the new Administration, and I certainly want to be in on it and do my share....best wishes to all for a happy time during the coming Holidays and for you and yours."

Well, CG...you made our day. The sun just came up! Tnx from all. -W5EJ

We are trying to contract for mail return stickers with QCWA logo on them, for members, similar to those you buy - if interested, please let us know so we can get an idea as to how many we can sell to you -W5EJ-

DAYTON HAMVENTION - Granddaddy of them all. Planning now underway & Gen. Chm, John Basilotto, WA8ZAN has announced Chairmen for the affair..1977 attendance was 16,280 and they swear it will be more in 1978!

John Six, W4YPA, one of the good members of the CITRUS Chapter of QCWA has sent a note regarding his recent trip across Texas. We sure were disappointed that he was not able to stop in at Headquarters.

John has spent an untold amount of time in QCWA work, and his work has, in large part been responsible for the growth of QCWA in Florida.

John was recently awarded QCWA's "Meritorious Award." A hard earned honor to a fine Gentleman!

QCWA DUES

We have received quite a few letters indicating that Members might pay their dues better if we'd be a bit more precise in telling them where to pay, and how much. We, do tell, but I admit that it takes a good set of eyes to find the info in the newsletters...so, here goes...

QCWA DUES are to be paid to the Headquarters Office, 1409 Cooper Drive, Irving, Texas, 75061. Upon receipt of your dues, we will check your membership record, and if all is in order, we'll issue a new membership card listing the date of expiration.

Occasionally we receive dues from a member who sends in the wrong amount of money. Sometimes the dues are accompanied by a form showing dues that were current in 1967...this requires that we send the money to the member, requesting current dues at the current rate. So that all may know, Dues in QCWA are currently \$14 for 3 years. Previous rates of \$7 and \$10 are no longer in force. Notification of dues increases have appeared in QCWA News since December, 1976.

It is of some importance to note that those whose dues are in arrears will not receive further communication from QCWA. We have, as of November 12, completed sending the final notice to nearly 600 QCWA members whose dues are in arrears more than 10 months. They will not appear in the 1978 QCWA Roster, unless we receive back dues by December 31...plus 3 years dues in advance.

In the early days, QCWA dues always expired on December 31, of each year. Recently we have eliminated that, and instead, for new members, we list expiration date 36 months after they join QCWA. By far the larger number of members still have December 31 as the anniversary date of dues expiration. Accordingly there will be about 2000 members whose dues will expire December 31, 1977. They will not be declared in arrears until April 1, 1978. It is desirable, however, to pay dues as quickly as possible, since it saves QCWA money (costs about 0.45) to mail a letter...and keeps you in good standing for balloting, etc. So, your cooperation in paying dues early will be greatly appreciated.

Remember...if you are in arrears, back dues at the rate of \$0.40 per month or part thereof, plus \$14 in dues in advance for 3 years are required. If you have been in arrears for more than 12 months, the back-dues are limited to \$5.00 maximum, plus the \$14 in advance dues. Check your membership card right now...if delinquent, either pay by the sked shown above, or write us for information.

-- W5EJ

Stuart Meyer, W2GHK, received the ARRL, Roanoke Division, "Certificate of Merit" at a special presentation made by ARRL President Harry Dannals, W2HD, on September 17, 1977. The presentation was made in recognition of Stuart's outstanding service to Amateur Radio. He is president of the Northern Virginia Amateur Radio Council and was Chairman of the 1975 ARRL National Convention, several Roanoke Division conventions and most recently the 1977 ARRL Virginia State Convention. Stuart has been licensed since 1933, has an extra class license...he is a Charter Life Member of ARRL, a Fellow and Executive Vice President of the Radio Club of America and a Life Member of the Quarter Century Wireless Association.

QCWA MEMBERSHIP

Applicants for QCWA membership must have held an amateur license at least 25 years ago, and must at the time of applying, hold a valid Amateur license. It is not necessary to have been licensed the entire 25 years. Proof of eligibility must be shown. Headquarters has a library of callbooks from the old times which can be used in most cases. A request for information will bring a prompt return letter to you.

An entry fee of \$3 is charged for initial membership, this plus dues in the amount of \$14 for three years are payable in advance with ones application. Life membership may be obtained for \$70, plus the \$3 entry fee. Time payment of life membership fees is available: Three payments to be completed in one year, of \$30, \$25 and \$15 respectively. Upon completion of the payment of the fee, Life Membership certificate and membership card is issued.

CERTIFICATES

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES, numbered in chronological order, are issued to each member. The numbers are never re-issued, except to the same one to whom they were first issued, and then only in the event of lapsed membership. Blue certificates and membership cards going to regular members with Gold Certificates and membership cards issued to Life Members. In the event a certificate must be replaced, the charge is \$1.00

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY certificates are issued, upon application, and proof of eligibility. Those having 50 years or more in Amateur Radio are qualified for such certificates. Endorsement stickers for each 2-year interval over the basic 50 year are available from Chapter Secretaries.

50 YEARS CONTINUOUSLY LICENSED CERTIFICATES are issued to QCWA members whose calls appear in callbooks for each year since 1928. There is a charge of \$1.00 for the certificate. It must be applied for, and proof of eligibility supplied.

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Don McKeith, W7IY, of Grand View, Idaho has been the victim of the USPS, and later victimized by the Headquarters Office of QCWA. It seems that last spring, he mailed his QSO Party log to the Judges & thought that all would be well... it wasn't...the log was lost and not received at all. This resulted in not having his score listed in the Official Report...After we had received the log, and checked it, the Judges reported to Headquarters, with the request that a notice be printed in the September News. It was omitted! There is little doubt that Don's temper was entitled to be a bit short, & we received a note from the Judges to get with it, or else. So... Don, we're sorry, and for the record, the scoring was:

W7IY, Scored 2848 points and
ranked #109 in the 1977 Party.

We'll be looking forward to seeing the scores on time this coming Party time.

QCWA SUPPLIES

The following supplies may be purchased by QCWA Members:

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Blazer Emblem, 3" x 4" embroidered patch (QCWA Logo)	\$3.50
500 Red QCWA stamps for regular members	\$1.75
500 Gold QCWA stamps for Life Members Only	\$1.75
400 Red QCWA stamps overprinted in gold, 50 years	\$1.00
240 Yellow, 50 Years in Amateur Radio	\$2.00
QCWA Logo on rubber stamp	\$3.50
QCWA Automobile decal	\$0.40
50 QCWA 2" pin buttons, blue on yellow	\$17.50
Chapter Banners, 30 x 48 inch, Storm King Cotton (80 dollar cost shared equally with QCWA)	\$40.00

Chapters attaining 50 or more members will receive a banner at no cost, upon application

QCWA Headquarters
1409 Cooper Drive
Irving, Texas 75061

Date _____

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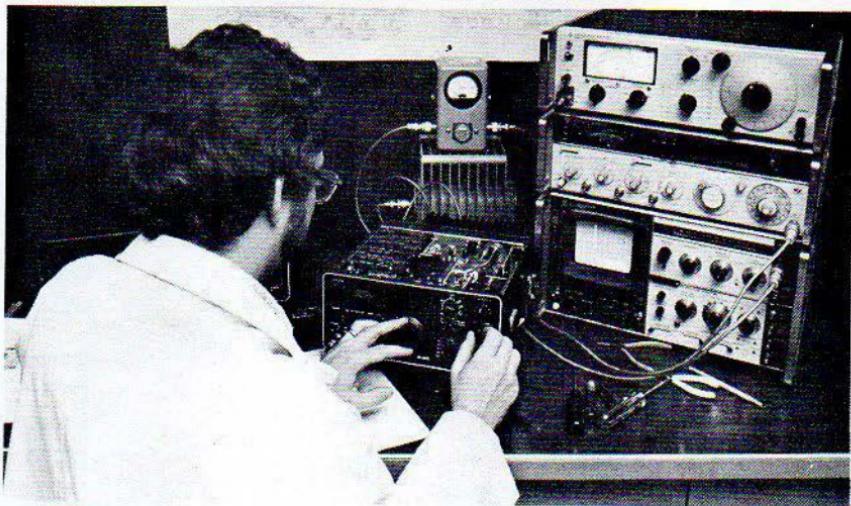
THIS LITTLE GAME SHOULD TEST SOME MEMORIES. THE TRADE-MARKS SHOWN BELOW ARE ALL FROM THE OLD DAYS...WHEN RADIO WAS GROWING LIKE WILD-FIRE. SOME OF THOSE COMPANIES ARE GONE, OTHERS HAVE SURVIVED AND PROSPERED WITH THE YEARS. HOW MANY CAN YOU IDENTIFY, BY FULL NAME, AND LOCATION?



If you will send in your list of identified companies, we'll check it & keep a card of scores. The high scorers will be announced in the March QCWA Newsletter. Lets have some fun with this one you OT's. We'll say that the highest scorer will not get more than 25 of them.

Rollie tells me that we've got a \$10 bill for the one getting the most correct identified. Remember, the full name, and the location of each one, which will be used to break a tie, if there are ties.

W5EJ

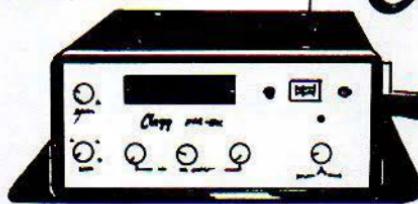
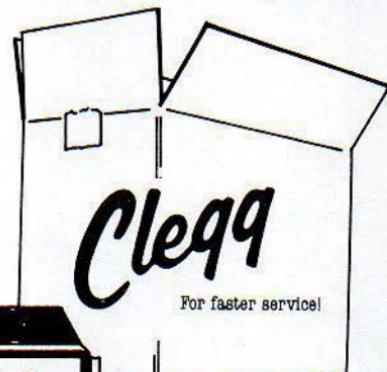


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